THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Ministry of Railways maintains accountal of earnings only zonal Railway-wise and these earnings include the traffic of all the Divisions under their respective jurisdictions. Statement of earnings of all zonal Railways through rail fare (*i.e.* passenger and other coaching earnings) and freight (*i.e.* goods earnings) during the last three years is enclosed (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir. Earnings of Western Railway zone from fare and freight taken together has not declined.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of earnings of all Zonal Railways through Rail fare and freight

(Rs. in crores)

Railway	1999-2000			2000-01			2001-02		
	Fare	Freight	Total	Fare	Freight	Total	Fare	Freight	Total
CR	2101.01	3228.48	5329.49	2267.91	3363.14	5631.05	2464.34	3961.59	6425.93
ER	989.15	2589.92	3579.07	1054.26	2674.98	3729.24	1155.86	2694.64	3850.50
NR	2090.08	3951.10	6041.18	2254.44	3884.57	6139.01	2319.79	3907.33	6227.12
NER	590.27	417.19	1007.46	634.27	490.20	1124.47	657.74	539.58	1197.32
NFR	225.55	432.27	657.82	232.73	512.66	745.39	264.40	664.69	929.09
SR	1074.91	1186.35	2261.26	1177.20	1317.31	2494.51	1276.27	1219.00	2495.27
SCR	932.62	2241.91	3174.53	1062.96	2492.56	3555.52	1184.63	2540.91	3725.54
SER	690.26	5214.03	5904.29	730.65	5784.77	6515.42	817.19	6264.76	7081.95
WR	1687.03	2799.74	4486.77	1832.86	2784.91	4617.77	1894.22	3052.90	4947.12

Privatisation of Ticket Reservation System

1838. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are going to privatise ticket reservation system in the country;

(b) whether this will render railwaymen surplus; and

(c) what benefits would accrue to Railways from this new system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) In order to facilitate Rail reservation and to improve customer service, Passenger Reservation System (PRS)

terminals have been allotted to three Rail Travellers Service Agents (RTSAs) on an experimental basis in Mumbai area of Central Railway.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Customer Service will improve.

Direct train from Secunderabad to Ajmer

1839. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for a direct train from Secunderabad to Ajmer on broad gauge line for facilitating pilgrims; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to introduce a direct train under South Central Railway for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of a train between Secunderabad and Ajmer has been examined but not found feasible due to operational and resource constraints.

Investment by Bombardier Transportation in Railways

1840. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bombardier Transportation, the giant Canadian firm is preparing to make huge investments in railway components including mass transit, commuter electric trains (EMU) and rail control systems;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the basis on which the firm has been selected for such huge investments without inviting any global tender therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir. This Ministry is not aware of any such intent.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.